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In re: Naosuke Maruyama
Serial No.: 09/963,738 Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed: September 26, 2001 Examiner: Everett White
For: BASE MATERIAL FOR DRY DIRECT TABLETING COMPRISING LOW-SUBSTITUTED HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE

March 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in the Search Report of a corresponding European Application No. 01307729.2. Each document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. A copy of each document, including the Search Report, is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

These items are cited herein because they were cited in the Search Report of the corresponding European application. The Examiner may also wish to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item.

It is requested that these references be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

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